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In re Patent Application of:

Stuelpnagel et al.

Serial No.: 09/606,369

Filed: June 28, 2000

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing, in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2005, are the following:

- x Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (12 pages).
- x 3 month Extension of Time (1 page).
- x Applicants claim small entity status.

PENDING CLAIMS

	No. of current claims	Highest number previously paid for	No. extra	Small entity fee	Other entity fee
Total claims	85	84	1	x 25 = \$ 25	x 50 = \$
Independent claims	5	8	0	x 100 = \$ 0	x 200 = \$
First presentation of multiple dependent claims		___ yes	<u>xx</u> no	+180 = \$ 0	+360 = \$
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x Applicants petition for a 3 month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The response date for this Office Action, including the requested 3 month Extension of Time is May 18, 2006.

x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$535.00 (for the \$25 claim fee and the \$510 fee for a 3 month Extension of Time) to Deposit Account No. 502690 (Order No. A-67493-3). Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension fees but excluding issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 502690 (Order No. A-67493-3) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

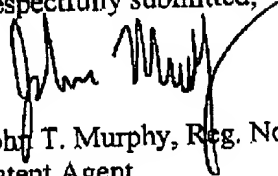
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